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ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF

THE FARM AND TRADES SCHOOL

AT THE

OLD SOUTH CHURCH

BOYLSTON AND DARTMOUTH STREETS, BOSTON

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH TWENTY-FIRST

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN

AT HALF PAST THREE O'CLOCK

EXERCISES

ANTHEM, "How Lovely are the Messengers" *Mendelssohn*

How lovely are the messengers that preach
us the gospel of peace! To all the nations
is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Rom. x: 15, 18.

PRAYER, Rev. Willis H. Butler

ADDRESS, The Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, D. D.,
Bishop of Massachusetts

ADDRESS, A. Lawrence Lowell, LL. D.,
President of Harvard University

HYMN,

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

EXERCISES

ADDRESS, Mr. Charles Evans of Chicago,

representing the Alumni

ADDRESS, Mr. Charles H. Bradley,

Superintendent The Farm and Trades School

HYMN,

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye.

Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

BENEDICTION

HISTORICAL DATA

1621, September 19. Thompson's Island first discovered and explored by Capt. Myles Standish and his party and named "The Island of Trevore," after one of the party.

1626. David Thompson took possession of Thompson's Island and built the first house in Boston Harbor.

1634. The General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony granted Thompson's Island to the inhabitants of Dorchester on condition that they pay a yearly rent of twelve pence to the Treasurer. (The island was probably not inhabited at that time.) The money collected from Thompson's Island helped to support the first free public school in America.

1650, October 15. The General Court confirmed the title of John Thompson to the island, and Dorchester was obliged to pay the costs. Dorchester lost possession of the island, although she continued to have jurisdiction over it until 1834, when it was annexed to the City of Boston to be used as a Farm School.

1814, January 27. The associates of the "Boston Asylum for Boys" met at the Hall of the Massachusetts Bank to draft rules and choose a committee to petition the Legislature for an act of incorporation.

1814, February 24. Act of incorporation passed by the Legislature.

1814, March 21. Meeting to elect officers and perfect the organization.

1814–1820. First home of the School on the corner of Cambridge and Lynde Streets.

1820. Purchase of the former residence of the Colonial Governor, Sir William Phipps, on the corner of Salem and Charter Streets, to which the School moved.

1825, November 10. Fire in Court Street which burned most of the School records.

1832. Purchase of Thompson's Island by the proprietors of the Farm School.

1833, March 10. An act of incorporation obtained under the name, "Proprietors of the Boston Farm School."

HISTORICAL DATA

1833, April 8, Easter Monday. Mr. Wells, with Mr. Cook and three boys, his wards, made their first visit to the island; held prayers in the farm house, and planted a mulberry tree and some potatoes.

1833, June 6. Establishment of the Boston Farm School on Thompson's Island.

1834, April 17. Meeting of the Managers of the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys to consider the union with the Boston Farm School.

1835, March 5. Petition to Legislature granted, uniting the two schools—"The Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys" and "The Boston Farm School."

1835, March 25. First meeting of the corporation of the Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys.

1835, June 9. Removal of the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys to Thompson's Island.

1857. Organization of the Band.

1881. Erection of a new brick building for mechanical school work.

1888. Beginning of Cottage Row.

1889. Regular part time school and part time work established.

1889. Farm School Bank started.

1891. Introduction of Sloyd.

1897, April. Forming of Alumni Association.

1897, May. First *Beacon* printed.

1900. Farm School Trading Company organized.

1901. A fixed Course in Agriculture for the elementary grades introduced.

1905, October. Introduction of meteorology.

1907, June 10. Name changed to "The Farm and Trades School."

1909. Power House completed with additional rooms for mechanical instruction.